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INDEPENDENCE DAY - INDOORS AND OUT

There is no shortage of options for area residents looking to celebrate Independence Day.

Starting July 2, Walsh holds its Star Spangled Celebration, complete with fireworks.

On the day itself, fireworks displays can be found at the end of the Boomin' 4th celebration in Hudson Oaks and Spark in the Park in Weatherford. Both events are free to attend and include live music, kids' activities, and food and beverage options.

To celebrate indoors, check out the Fort Worth Symphony's America Strong Concert in Dickies Arena. Fireworks can be seen after the concert.

To find out more, see Events on page 5, or visit www.community-news.com/events.

Reminder

Discharging fireworks is illegal in most local city limits.

ALEDO ISD

Bohn named Regional Superintendent of the Year

Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn has been named the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year for 2021. The Superintendent of the Year Award, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, honors outstanding Texas administrators for achievement and excellence in public school administration.

The Region 11 Education Service Center covers 10 counties and includes 76 public school districts, 16 public charter schools, 76 charter campuses, and 143 private schools ranging in size from small, rural districts up to the Fort Worth ISD.

Candidates for the award must be nominated by their school boards and must

demonstrate strong leadership skills, dedication to improving the quality of education in their districts, commitment to public support and involvement in education, and ability to build good employee relations among teachers and staff members. The award application highlights the following performance areas:

- Leadership, Management, and School Climate
- School Board-Superintendent Relations
- School Improvement and Instructional Leadership
- Fiscal Management
- School-Community Relations



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Dr. Susan Bohn

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On Task



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Lawson I. (foreground) and Lincoln C. focus on tasks during Camp Fire Summer Camp at Coder Elementary School.

Camp Fire offers summer enrichment opportunities

Day camp being held at Coder Elementary School

By Randy Keck
The Community News

It's summer, but that doesn't mean kids have to stop learning.

Camp Fire First Texas has held out-of-school camps at various locations throughout the Aledo ISD for several years now.

Currently, it's a Summer Day Camp held Monday-Friday each week at Coder Elementary School.

A step inside reveals young people aged 5-13 engaged in a variety of projects. Art, crafts, physical activity, and personal growth activities are among the

activities young people experience each day.

Several of the students were proud of their bug collections on Wednesday, June 30, when The Community News paid a visit. And while some were busy with that activity, others were busy modifying posters with just the right colors.

According to Camp Fire First Texas, "With expert guidance, campers will have one adventure after another as they:

- Learn what it means to be a global citizen,
- Implement STEM concepts,
- Use literacy to explore concepts and ideas,
- Decide how to lead the way from their corner of the world."

Wednesday also saw an outdoor scavenger hunt that was completed in short order by all three teams.

Each weekday begins at 6:30 a.m. Campers arrive between 6:30 and 8:15. A flag ceremony is held at 8:30, and then activities such as the daily icebreaker, Brain Smart Start, enrichment, gym, and genius hour.

And that's just the morning.

After lunch, the day campers trail time, project work, STEM activities, and other activities. The day ends at 6:30 p.m.

The Aledo Day Camp continues through July 30.

For more information, visit campfirefw.org/aledo-day-camp/.

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If the power grid falters...

Local officials putting plans in place; don't expect to see long-term outages

By Brandi Addison
The Community News

In the event of a statewide energy crisis, officials in East Parker County's three major cities are all confident that they would be better prepared for grid failure this summer than what they were during February's winter storm.

Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall, Hudson Oaks City Administrator Sterling Naron, and Willow Park City Manager Bryan Grimes have all agreed that they hope to not see a statewide power outage in 100-plus-degree.

But if it happens, plans have been put in place.

Naron said Hudson Oaks has discussed the possibility of a cooling center at HighRidge Church (located at the former movie theater), which hosted the warming center for residents during the winter storm.

He expects the other cities have discussed similar ideas with their local nonprofits and churches.

Willow Park will see the greatest difference in preparedness, after connecting to a new water source and joining a regional public works network that would allow the city to utilize available equipment from other public works departments when needed.

During the February winter storm, many Willow Park residents lost both power and water due to the water wells freezing.

City officials do not anticipate the well water supply would be affected if a similar crisis were to occur this summer since the temperatures would not be so drastic to change the water's state of matter. It will also have a four-times-greater water supply

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WILLOW PARK

City prepares to implement storm water drainage fees

By Brandi Addison
The Community News

Willow Park is now preparing to implement storm water drainage fees after the city council voted, in mid-February, to establish the fees, in an attempt to end the city's history of drainage issues.

Both resident and commercial properties are required to pay the drainage fees.

For a single-family residential property, the storm water drainage rate is \$5.50 per month for 1,500 sq. ft. of living space.

Derek Turner, principal engineer at Jacob and Martin, LLC, told council on June 22 it is anticipated that nearly 2,000 properties — both residential and commercial — will pay the fee, totaling about \$450,000 per year.

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Publisher Randy Keck says Las Vegas is not the same after reopening.

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AHS baseball, softball All-State and All-District selections named.

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Obituaries

Len Martin

Ernest Len Martin (aka Len), age 66, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021, in Fort Worth.

Len was born on February 8, 1955, in Grand Prairie, to parents, George and Bette Martin. He moved to Grapevine and graduated from Grapevine High School in 1973. Len moved to Millsap and accepted a position at Drug Screen Compliance Lou's Clinical Lab, Inc for more than 27 years as a Corporate Operations Manager. He was a vital leader in helping clients and employees toward success. Len was a loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend.

Words will not wipe away your tears, and hugs may not ease the pain, but hold on to your memories, because forever they will remain. He will be missed by all.

He is preceded in death by parents, George and Bette Martin.

Len is survived by daughter, Amy Hurdsman and husband, Ryan; grandchildren Blake & Kyndall; daughter, Kelly Martin; grandson, Cody; brother, Chuck Martin, and wife, June; sister, Jo Burrus and husband, Kevin; sister, Cheryl Doyle and husband, Kenneth; numerous nieces,



Len Martin

and nephews; and best friend and business partner, Stephen Linneman.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at White's Funeral Home. There will be a procession from the service to the burial site, White Church Cemetery, located at 2869 County Road 412 in Glen

Rose.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Parker County Animal Shelter in Weatherford, a cause dear to Len's heart.

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Rodney Clay Smith

Rodney Clay Smith of Hudson Oaks passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the age of 72.

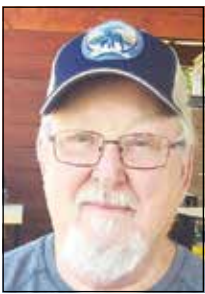
Rod was born March 8, 1949, in Fort Worth to JF and Bobbye Smith. He was a 1967 graduate of Paschal High School and attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville before enlisting as an Aviation Ordnance Man in the U. S. Navy. After seven years in the Navy he began a 33-year career as a Manufacturing Planner at General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, retiring in 2012.

Rod was a hard-working family man. He was passionate about nature and politics. Rod loved football, baseball, hunting, and fishing. He was a history buff and was proud of his service in the U. S. Navy. Rod

was a little league coach and never missed a soccer game. Always a teacher's husband, he was devoted and wore many hats, but his listening ear and compassionate opinion were his strengths. Rod was an honest, dependable friend and neighbor and sincere Christian man and the world was a better place because of his presence. He will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Curtis Smith; and beloved niece, Michelle Hodnett Zavala.

Rod is survived by his wife of 40 years, Peggy Clem Smith; sons, Clay Carson Smith, and Roel Gonzalez of Austin; daughter, Amy Catherine Smith of Fort Worth; sister, Marsha Hodnett and



Rod Smith

husband, Paul, of Hudson Oaks; many cherished nieces and nephews and too many beloved cousins to count. He is also survived by his faithful companion, Shorty B. Smith.

A funeral Service was scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, July 2, in White's Chapel of Memories, 130 Houston Ave. in Weatherford. Interment will be at Memory Gardens of the Valley, 5600 Mineral Wells Hwy. Weatherford.

Donations may be made in Rod's memory to the Weatherford Animal Shelter, Parker Paws, or University Little League in Fort Worth.

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because of its new pipeline to Fort Worth.

If the Fort Worth water supply were to be tainted, slowed, or halted for any reason, Willow Park city officials said the city would depend on the wells and likely ask residents to conserve.

"In the event of a catastrophic failure that somehow interrupts our water supply from Fort Worth, we have the ability to rely on the water supplied by our current wells and storage," Willow Park Communications and Marketing Director Rosealee Kertok said.

She added that this is unlikely because Fort Worth is required, as a wholesale water supply source, to own back-up generators and have an emergency contingency plan prepared.

Even then, City Manager Grimes said there's been an unintentional additional security to the water supply if an outage required Willow Park to utilize the wells only: the rain recently experienced in the

region, which has kept the aquifers full, eased the workload of the wells.

The city has also secured new generators which would help power city facilities during an outage.

Marshall said Aledo officials will continue to build relationships with the electric and water companies they partner with to keep their residents informed.

She said she really hopes to emphasize the need for a 72-hour plan, which many lacked during the February winter storm. This includes having a contact person beyond 50 miles — and preferably out of state — who can be traveled to, if needed.

Naron added that it's important to know who your neighbors are — especially those who are elderly or depend on medical devices.

Overall, all city officials expect an outage during the summer to be easier than that of the one in February, which reached historically cold temperatures and completely inhibited residents from traveling to warmer places, due to dangerous road conditions, forcing them to stay in a house with no power or water.

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BOHN

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In addition to addressing the specified performance areas in the application, school boards were asked to answer the question, "Why should your chief administrator be selected as Superintendent of the Year?"

According to a Region 11 press release, "upon joining the Aledo ISD staff, Dr. Bohn hit the ground running as she focused on putting learning and teaching first, overhauling the district's image, understanding and improving Board-administration relations, and setting goals - all while managing and understanding the AISD's status as one of the fastest-growing districts in the state. Very quickly, the district's vision of Growing greatness through exceptional experiences that empower learnings for life was formed along with the district's first-ever Instructional Focus, setting the tone for the path forward for the entire district."

"During such a transformative time for the Aledo ISD, we are incredibly lucky and proud to have Dr. Bohn leading our district," Aledo ISD Board President Hoyt Harris said. "From managing our rapid growth to her steadfast leadership of our community through the COVID-19 pandemic, she has a student-centered focus that is reflected in our entire staff who work so hard to ensure our Bearcats have exceptional experiences daily."

"On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and Bearcat community, we would like to congratulate Dr. Bohn on being chosen as the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year and thank her for her tireless efforts to continue growing greatness in the Aledo ISD."

As part of the Texas Association of School Boards' award process, regional winners for the Superintendent of the Year award must be selected by a panel of local school board members. This year's panel included trustees from districts throughout the North-Central Texas (Region 11) area.

Steve Newcom, a judge from the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD, praised Bohn for continually keeping students as her main focus. "Keeping Students Learning is the first topic of every board meeting, which demonstrates how every decision is based on the impact it has on students in the district," he shared.

"Dr. Bohn truly exemplified the five core values she shared with us - excellence, grace, integrity, honor, respect - and it is evident that she uses those values from the Boardroom to the classroom," shared Rochelle Ross, a judge from Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD.

Jerry Campbell, a judge from the Bluff Dale ISD, shared that, "Dr. Bohn's values and high expectations for her administration, staff, and students is apparent, and she will represent Region 11 so well as our Superintendent of the Year."

As the Region 11 winner, Bohn will move on to the state level of the competition.

The state selection committee will interview all regional winners on Aug. 27-28 and choose five finalists. The finalists will then be called to participate in a second interview by the state selection committee in September, and the state winner will be announced at the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) joint annual convention scheduled for Sept. 24-26, 2021.

The state winner of the Superintendent of the Year award receives a \$5,000 professional development award and a ring, which will be presented at the 2021 TASA/TASB Joint Annual Convention. All other finalists will receive a \$1,000 award. The award program is funded by Balfour and coordinated by TASB.

Dr. Bohn, a former classroom teacher in Fort Bend ISD, became an attorney and worked in school law for the Bracewell & Giuliani law firm in Austin. She then served the Lake Travis ISD as general counsel, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent, and interim superintendent. She went on to serve Lockhart ISD as superintendent of schools for three years before taking the helm at Aledo ISD in 2018. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. She also received her juris doctorate from the UT School of Law. In 2017, she received her doctorate in education from Texas Tech University.

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About \$150,000 would be distributed toward maintenance and operations while the remainder could assist in debt service payments.

The current neighborhoods, roads, and streets are included in the city's proposed storm water drainage capital improvement projects: Beaver's Creek, Castlemont, Chuckwagon Trail, El Chico Trail, Live Oak, Pleasant Ridge Culvert, Sam Bass Culvert, Vista, and several smaller projects.

The capital improvement project would total about

\$3.6 million. The new ordinance, which establishes storm water drainage as a utility, authorizes the city to fund these drainage projects by levying the monthly fees.

Before putting the item up to vote in February, city council opened two public hearings for residents in February, but no one joined the discussion.

Council member Lea Young said the idea had only garnered support in the past.

"I have yet to have one citizen come to me to say they oppose this ordinance," Young said during a February council meeting.

QUOTABLE

"The United States is the only country with a known birthday... There is no 'Republican,' no 'Democrat,' on the Fourth of July - all are Americans."

James G. Blaine

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ACROSS

1 in NW Tarrant County on 199

5 Julia of "The Gumball Rally" with TX born Gary Busey

6 TXism: "in cahoots with the Devil"

7 Johnson Space Center agcy.

8 pie ___ mode

9 TXism: "got a heart ___ Texas"

16 dino ___ "Barney" was created in Allen, TX

18 dormant volcano?

21 TX singer Orbison (init.)

22 longtime U.S. Rep. "Tiger" Teague

23 Tex-Mex band: Little Joe - Familia

24 TXism: "much obliged"

30 TX wants you to compost this rather than bag it (2 wds.)

34 TXism: "mi casa su casa"

35 TXism: "___ give didly squat" (indifferent)

36 ___ Smith County

37 1981 book by Glen ___: "The German Texans"

39 TXism: "he's got ___ the Bill of Rights" (rich)

43 monthly expense

44 TXism: "he ___ bill of goods" (was lied to)

45 TX actress Chiles (init.)

46 guerrilla "___" Guevara

47 deli cutters

49 found

52 TXism: "___ long" (bye)

53 state where TX Buddy Holly died (abbr.)

54 appreciate the taste

55 TXism: "couldn't buy hay for a ___" (poor)

58 Houston mayor, Welch (1964-73)

DOWN

13 in Grayson County on 289

14 this Arnold wrote foreword to TX Byron Nelson's book (init.)

15 pig's casa

17 TXism: "hot as ___ July"

19 TXism: "he couldn't get ___ fiddler general of Texas"

20 former Cowboy Bob Hayes won gold in 100m ___

24 ex-Ranger closer Henke (init.)

25 TXism: "___ sits tall in the saddle"

26 citrus drinks

40 Silverado truck corp.

41 TX Buck Owens TV show: "___ Haw"

42 Miguel Hidalgo

43 ___ urged Mexico's independence

48 Gulf or lake sight

50 TX-filmed "The Thief Who ___ To Dinner" (1972)

51 TX Howard Hughes dated this Gardner

56 TXism: "that gets my ___" (irritated)

57 Hawaiian dances

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Public Notice for Applying for the ESSER III Federal Grant Funding for Independent School Districts

Aledo Independent School District is making public notice of applying for the American Rescue Plan, ESSER III Federal Grant for funding. This application would provide one-time federal funding to the district in two major categories. One area would address the student learning loss due to COVID-19 and the second area would address the safe re-opening of the public school district.

General specifics on the grant are as follows:

- Time frame for the grant: Pre-

award costs can be recoded from March 13, 2020 and allowed to spend funds until September 30, 2023. With the Tidings Act, if districts need to carryover unused funds, they would be allowed to continue spending to September 30, 2024.

- Districts would be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.

- District entitlement for the grant for the 3-year period: \$2,196,151.

Aledo ISD previously sought community input on the expenditure of these federal funds through completion of the Community Input Form. Alternatively, you may provide input on the expenditure of these one-time federal funds via email at communications@aledoisd.org or in person at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 19 at the Aledo ISD Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas.

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JULY 2

Star Spangled Celebration

Walsh will host its Star Spangled Celebration beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, July 2, at Lake Park. Food trucks from Cousin, A's Maine Lobster and Crazy Burger will be available at 5 p.m. Jon Christopher Davis will begin playing rock favorites and country hits at 6:30, and the fireworks show will begin at dusk.

The event is free to attend. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/star-spangled-celebration-at-walsh-tickets-158461429401>.

JULY 4

Boomin' 4th

The City of Hudson Oaks will host its annual Boomin, A's 4th celebration beginning at 5 p.m. at Gene Voyles Park, 210 Hudson Oaks Drive in Hudson Oaks. Kat Hasty (6:30 p.m.) and Prophets & Outlaws (7:50 p.m.) headline the music at the event.

Food and beverages will be available from Amy's Hot Sauce, Blackberry Creamery, Buff's BBQ, Baby Girls Kettle Corn, Cloud 9 Lemonade, Comfort Kitchen, Funky Munky, Juliebeans Ice Cream, Kono Pizza, Miguels' Place, Smackin Mac, and Snack Shack.

A kid zone will also have plenty of activities.

Lawn chairs are welcome, but no canopies, tents, or glass.

A free bus service will run from HighRidge Church (the old City Lights theater) from 5-11 p.m. Bus atten-

dants will assist with ice chests, chairs, and strollers.

Fireworks will begin about 9:30, and choreographed music will play on FM 92.1.

Aledo, A's Landon Nolty, a 13-year-old student, will sing the National Anthem, although no time was provided.

For more information, visit <https://events.hudsonoaks.com/boomin-4th>.

Spark in the Park

Blue Oyster Cult will headline the City of Weatherford, A's Spark in the Park from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, July 4 at Heritage Park, 317 Santa Fe Drive, in Weatherford.

On the music side, Texas Revival Band plays at 6 p.m., and the Blue Oyster Cult performance begins at 7:30.

Food and beverages will be available from Edgewise 8 Brewing, Events in Motion, Flamegrill TX, Funky Munky, Juliebeans Ice Cream, La Reyna, Sandy V's Teas 'N Things, Tacos to Die For, and Tailgater, A's BBQ.

Activities for kids include Water Slides (bring bathing suits, sunscreen, and towels), Bounce Houses, Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, Giant Tic Tac Toe, and Cornhole.

The fireworks show will begin about 9:30 p.m. Choreographed music will be played on 102.5 FM and 88.5 FM.

A free shuttle will be provided at Weatherford College, 225 College Park Drive. Buses will depart and arrive from the front of the Alkek Fine Arts Center at Weatherford College.

For more information, visit <https://www.experienceweatherford.com/events/2021/sparkinthepark2021>.

America Strong Concert

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will present America Strong Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at Dickies Arena, 1911 Montgomery Street in Fort Worth.

The one-night-only performance will feature more than 60 minutes of music performed by the FWSO, soprano Latonia Moore, bass Morris Robinson, and will feature works by leading Black and Latin American composers, including Kevin Day, Adolphus Hailstork, and Jimmy Lopez. Miguel Harth-Bedoya will conduct this celebration of the best America has to offer in his final season with the orchestra.

A fireworks show can be viewed outside the arena after the performance.

Tickets start at \$29.30.

For more information, visit <https://dickiesarena.com/event/fort-worth-symphony-orchestra-presents-america-strong-concert/>.

JULY 5

Rotary Club of Aledo

The Rotary Club of Aledo meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Sunny Street Cafe, 229 Shops Blvd. Suite 103 in Willow Park. For more information, visit aledorotary.org.

JULY 10

Peach Pedal Bike Ride

The annual Peach Pedal Bike Ride will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at Weatherford High School, 2121 Bethel Road.

- Routes of eight, 28, 39, and 61 miles are available.
- The 61-mile ride starts at 7:30 a.m.
- The 39-mile ride starts at 7:45 a.m.
- The 28-mile and 8-mile rides start at 8 a.m.

The event benefits Parker County United Way and the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit www.peachpedal.com.

Parker County Peach Festival

The 36th annual Parker County Peach Festival is returning with an expanded event area more than 200 arts/craft, food, and activity vendors. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, in downtown Weatherford.

Peachy treats are always featured, including homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach tea, peach smoothies, ice cream topped with fresh peaches, or just regular peaches.

In addition to the vendors, many antique and specialty stores will have specials throughout the day.

Two entertainment stages will feature local celebrities and entertainers.

For easy transportation to the festival, air-conditioned shuttles will run from Weatherford 9th Grade Center, Weatherford

College, or Heritage Park.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for younger than 5.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit www.peachfestivaltx.com.

JULY 13

Cancer Support Group

A support group to create a space for those who have battled or are battling cancer meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Dr. in Aledo.

For more information, email Joan Ward at bjkat1959@gmail.com.

JULY 14

Membership Luncheon

State Rep. Phil King will be the featured speaker at the next monthly luncheon of the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, at New River Fellowship in Hudson Oaks.

As State Representative for the 61st District, Phil King represents the people of Parker and Wise Counties in the Texas Legislature. King serves on the National Board of Directors for the American Legislative Exchange Council and was the 2015 National Chair. King also serves as Vice-Chairman on the Board of Directors of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute.

In the Texas House, King serves on the State Affairs and Higher Education committees.

For more information, visit <http://business>.

eastparkerchamber.com/events/details/epccc-membership-luncheon-07-14-2021-14743.

JULY 19

Rotary Club of Aledo

The Rotary Club of Aledo meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Sunny Street Cafe, 229 Shops Blvd. Suite 103 in Willow Park. For more information, visit aledorotary.org.

AUGUST 12

2021 Fashion Show

Arlene Gale will be the featured speaker when Sanctified Hope holds its 2021 Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Trinity Bible Church, 4936 E Interstate 20 in Willow Park.

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First Public Hearing

Location:

Date:
Time:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Aledo Community Center
104 Robinson Court
Aledo, Texas 76008
Thursday, July 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Second Public Hearing

Location:

Date:
Time:

City Council Meeting

Aledo Community Center
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Aledo, Texas 76008
Thursday, July 22, 2021
6:00 P.M.

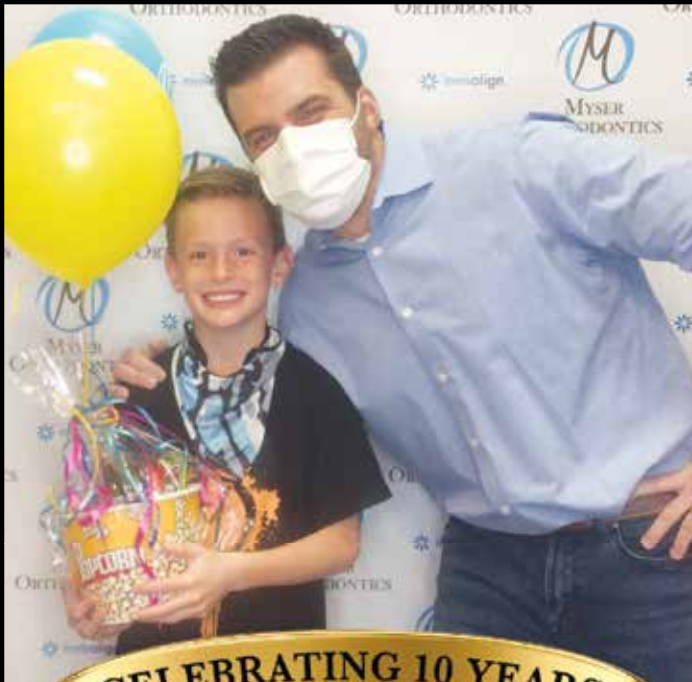
The purpose of the hearings is to receive input regarding consideration the following:

- 1) Public Hearing to consider and adopt the Aledo Downtown Master Plan.
- 2) Public Hearing to consider amending the City of Aledo Zoning Ordinance to establish criteria for Food Truck Parks and to classify Food Truck Parks as a permitted land use with the City Council's discretionary approval of a Specific Use Permit in the following zoning districts of the city:
 - a. A - Agricultural District
 - b. C-1 - Commercial District - Office, Light Retail, and Neighborhood Services
 - c. C-2 - Commercial District- General
 - d. C-3 - Commercial District- Heavy
 - e. M-1 - Manufacturing/Industrial District- Light
 - f. M-2 - Manufacturing/Industrial District- Heavy
 - g. DB - Downtown Business District

For further information or questions regarding these public hearings, please contact Gretchen Vazquez or Betty Chew, at telephone number (817) 441-7016.

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Capital Highlights

Democrats sue over defunding of legislature



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House Democrats filed a petition with the Texas Supreme Court on Friday, seeking to overturn Gov. Greg Abbott's veto of funding for the legislative branch.

As the Austin American-Statesman and other media outlets reported, House Democrats were joined by the AFL-CIO and caucuses representing Black and Latino lawmakers in asking the court to determine the governor's actions were unconstitutional.

Abbott used his line-item veto power to abolish funding for the legislative branch in the next biennial budget, which takes effect Sept. 1. He was angered by the last-minute walkout of House Democrats to stop consideration of various voting law changes pushed by the governor and Republican legislators.

"Abbott's veto is an abuse of power, an act of legislative coercion, and a threat to democracy, the result of which is clear and immediate harm to the people of Texas," said Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, chair of the Texas House Democratic Caucus.

"The Legislature is a co-equal branch of government and the separation of powers is enshrined in our state constitution," Turner said. "The governor doesn't get to simply cancel another branch of government when he doesn't get his way."

Abbott's veto struck \$410.2 million allocated for the Legislature and numerous agencies that provide support to lawmakers.

Besides state lawmakers, who make \$600 a month, Turner said the veto could affect up to 2,000 employees of the Texas Senate and House and those agencies.

Special session set for July 8

Abbott has called for a special session beginning July 8, his office announced last week. He said in a press release that the items to be addressed "will be announced prior to the convening of the special session."

Abbott had said previously that he would ask legislators to work on two priority election bills that died when the Democrats walked out, as well as a bail bill that also failed.

On Friday, Abbott urged county judges across Texas to submit their two-year projected budget for expenses related to what he terms the "ongoing border crisis." The projections, submitted online, will be used by the state to request additional border security funding during the upcoming special session. On Friday, the governor also urged jailers statewide to assist border sheriffs with operating detention facilities and providing jail beds for people arrested on state charges related to crossing the border illegally.

PUC outlines disconnection procedures as moratorium ends

The Texas Public Utility Commission met Thursday with its newest member, Lori Cobos, being sworn in by Chairman Peter Lake.

As previously reported, the PUC has ended the moratorium on disconnections in effect since February. The first day for potential disconnections is June 29. Customers

have specific rights under PUC rules when it comes to potential disconnections for nonpayment.

The PUC publishes a "Know Your Rights" page on its website, which can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/6byxdy97>.

The PUC also said the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which it oversees, will have to release information about power outages more quickly.

Right now, the state's main power grid operation has 60 days to release information about power plant outages, such as occurred recently during a June heat wave. That has been reduced to three days. However, as the Texas Tribune reported, ERCOT could include which power plants were down and for how long, but not much more detail about why the outage occurred.

Number of vaccinated Texans edges upward

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has reached 11.7 million or 40 percent of the state's total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services.

Meanwhile, hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas stayed roughly the same as the previous week at 1,481. New cases of COVID-19 in the state in the past week totaled 8,825 with 167 deaths recorded, little changed from the previous week.

TCEQ assists Aransas Pass with water contamination

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is working with the city of Aransas Pass after its water system was apparently chemically contaminated by a backflow from a local business. Antifreeze is the possible contaminant, according to published reports.

As of Sunday, the city's tap water should not be used for drinking, cooking, bathing, brushing teeth, making beverages or ice, or dishwashing. It can still be used for doing laundry, flushing commodes, and watering outside.

TCEQ sent 40 pallets of bottled water to the city and is onsite taking samples from the municipal water system. It is unknown when the water will be considered safe for consumption again. The city is holding a self-serve drive-thru behind its civic center where residents can pick up water.

Supreme Court: Academy can't be sued over shootings

The Texas Supreme Court threw out four lawsuits filed against Academy Sports and Outdoors by survivors and family of the victims of the mass shooting at a Sutherland Springs church in 2017.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the court ruled Friday that the suits were prohibited by a federal law protecting retailers from legal action stemming from crimes committed by third parties. The shooting, at a church in a small community about 30 miles east of San Antonio, left 26 people dead. The gunman was killed after leaving the scene.

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Guest Column

Our Racial Reckoning — A Teachable Moment



Libby Afflerbach

Summer reading lists — the mysteries, histories, memoirs that take us into lives and places we've never experienced. There is a place for such "beach reads" to while away the summer months, especially for students and teachers on long vacations.

But I have some other books to recommend in these fraught times, when we don't even know what we don't know about our national story; when lawmakers seem to be trying to rein in what teachers can teach and students can learn.

We are all teachers and learners throughout our lives; I know I am. I am especially shocked at how much I don't know, and was never taught, about our country's racial history. You may be in the same situation.

If you want to open that door a crack to see through the mythology, put these three engrossing books on your summer reading list. They are deeply researched and prize-winning histories. When you come back from summer recess, you won't look at the current situation in this county, this state or this nation with quite the same illusions.

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, by Richard Rothstein. With example after

example over a century, housing policy expert Rothstein dismantles the myth that racial segregation in U.S. cities just "happened." No, he shows with documentation and vivid case studies, it was the government's decisions that built the system that kept blacks in ghettos, out of booming suburbs, walled in by highways, and trapped in so many ways by policies designed to benefit whites only. It was eye-opening to me that the fabled Levittown — the iconic symbol of post-war middle-class prosperity — was for whites only. Maybe I should have known that but I didn't. And I learned a lot more about why our cities look like they do today. It's no surprise the book won The Hillman Prize for book journalism in 2018 and spent more than 30 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller list.

Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America, by W. Caleb McDaniel. The author is a Rice University historian who tells the gripping story of the only freed slave who was abducted, re-enslaved, sued her captor, and finally won her case for reparations before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1878. The writer tracks Henrietta Wood's story through court records, newspaper accounts, and other sources that are chilling in their matter-of-fact descriptions of a slave's life. At one point, as the Union Army closed in on Mississippi during the Civil War, her master rounded up his slaves and ran for the Texas border, herding them along like livestock. I never learned that in my long-ago 7th-grade Texas history class. Apparently a number of southern planters did the same thing and kept

their slaves working in Texas until the end of the war. The book often reads like a mystery to the end. It won the Pulitzer Prize for history in 2020.

Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy, by David Zucchino. Of the three books, this is the hardest to read. Not for its writing, which is a gripping narrative that won the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction, but for the ugly face of racism it reveals in the words of participants at the time. It recounts a bloody coup by white supremacists who planned to overthrow the elected city government of Wilmington, North Carolina, because it included black officials and supporters. With fake news and false reports of violence by blacks, white political leaders set armed white mobs and state militia in motion. Black leaders were hunted down, shot, or put on trains and told never to return. The success of the racial purge in Wilmington — the federal government under McKinley did nothing — emboldened lawmakers in North Carolina and elsewhere to pass voter restrictions and other laws so blacks would never regain political power. Then the 1898 incident was written out of the history books and the coup leaders went on to become prominent political leaders. This is a wrenching story. It happened more than 100 years ago, and it echos to this day.

Libby Afflerbach has lived in Willow Park for 30 years. She grew up in South Texas, graduated from Texas Christian University and worked as a journalist for 37 years at newspapers in Texas and Philadelphia.

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Slings&Arrows

Las Vegas loses its appeal



Randy Keck
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Last week I took my first post-lockdown trip and I felt it might be worthwhile to make some observations for anyone considering travel.

I am honored to serve on the board of the National Newspaper Foundation. The boards of the NNF and the National Newspaper Association met in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay (you know, across the street from Motel 8 at the south end of the strip).

Only being away two nights, I was able to pack everything I needed in a bag that easily fit in an overhead compartment. It appears that the airlines (and Las Vegas, as you'll see later) are trying to make up for all they lost during the pandemic at one time. Nope, not paying \$30 to check a bag.

I find dealing with airlines (at least American) to be a frustration. If you have long legs like me, the first irritation is that the price advertised for the flight is not the price for the flight. Pick out seats, and you can end up spending \$60 or more each way for a seat with more leg room.

On the flight from DFW, I chose a bulkhead seat. (Note to self: bulkhead seats technically have more leg room, but from a practical standpoint they do not. Bulkhead = wall. No room for feet.)

I wonder if social scientists have ever studied human behavior at

airports. I was in boarding group 6, which was fine with me. I had a small bag and an aisle seat. For whatever reason, people seem to be very anxious about getting on the plane, jockeying for position in the boarding line so they will be there as soon as their number is called.

Here's my observation. Airports are among the most uncomfortable places on earth. The only thing MORE uncomfortable than an airport is the plane. So I don't understand why people are in such a hurry to get on the plane. Perhaps it is the dog-eat-dog, survival-of-the-fittest hunt for overhead bin space.

I am not aware of a plane ever leaving the airport without finding some way to store your carry-on, even if you can't find overhead space.

Federal Regulations

On the plane, federal regulations require passengers to wear masks, so here's where I am going to ask people to behave and be aware. The flight attendants do not set government policy. The flight attendants may or may not agree with the government policy. But it is their *job* to remind passengers to wear their masks, so don't give them a hard time. Believe it or not, there are people who fly on planes whose job it is to monitor the flight attendants and make sure they are doing their jobs.

I don't enjoy wearing a mask, either, but them's the rules. If you refuse to wear a mask during a flight, don't get on the plane.

At the destination all those people who were in such an all-fired hurry to get on the plane can't wait to get off the plane.

Once in Las Vegas I discovered that the cost to take a Lyft from the airport to the hotel is significantly

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more than it was the last time I went.

I also discovered that the grossly overpriced hotel shops have outdone themselves. Once I arrived, my Plantar Fasciitis was acting up. I found a small bottle of Ibuprofen in the gift shop - for \$16.

It was virtually impossible to eat for less than \$30.

And I, who occasionally sets aside entertainment funds for blackjack, found that my preferred \$5 blackjack tables were nowhere to be found. Can you say "\$25 a hand?"

For me, that's "no, thanks."

Traveling down the strip after I checked in, I ended up at the Flamingo (that at one time had \$5

tables). No more. They had \$10 tables. Realizing that my entertainment budget was only going to last half as long as I thought, I resigned myself to \$10 a hand. I went to the ATM to draw out some cash. After I entered the amount, the message on the screen informed me that the ATM fee was \$19.95.

"Do you accept?"

The answers were limited to "yes" and "no," neither of which seemed appropriate. I chose "no" in the absence of a "h***, no" option.

So table games were out and heels were hurting. I found some super-duper gel heel insoles at a drugstore and replaced the worn out ones in my shoes and ended up back at the hotel.

The wee hours

About 3 a.m. a loud announcement came over a speaker in my room. A siren that sounded much like a kazoo was followed by an announcement: "May I have your attention please. The alarm you have just heard is part of the hotel's early alert system. The reason for the alarm is now being investigated. We will keep you advised. Thank you."

Then the alarm repeated and then the message repeated, and then the alarm repeated and then the message repeated.

For 15 minutes.

At 3 a.m. (Mountain Time).

Then there was a blessed silence. I didn't know whether to put my shoes (with insoles) on in case we were going to be evacuated, but after a period of quiet I made the assumption that everything must be under control and I started drifting back to sleep until another blaring announcement came informing us

that the alarm was due to a minor issue and was under control.

In case we didn't get the message the first two times they said it, they added a third for good measure.

The salvation of the trip was my board meeting the next morning. It was good to see my compadres from other states, and we got some meaningful things accomplished.

One of those things I'm excited about is that we are working to develop a program to help the public learn the differences between real news, fake news, and commentary. I believe that is sorely needed.

The combined boards had a nice private dinner that evening and then it was time to go through the reverse process to return home the next morning.

Perhaps the cruelest cut of all was when I reviewed my hotel bill and discovered that the coffee in my room was not free like it is at every other place I have ever stayed.

Nope, at the Mandalay Bay, two paper cups and two Keurig pods are \$10.

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One last note: as I indicated about flight attendants above, most of the people you will come in contact with on a trip like this do not make the rules. They do not set the prices. They simply do their jobs. I tried to remember that when it came time to tip, because I suspected that they might get the brunt of dissatisfaction caused by things beyond their control.

Randy Keck is in his 27th year as owner and publisher of The Community News.

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Six steps to get your family's summer movie-making adventure rolling

Families love to watch good movies together all year round. But summer is a perfect time for parents to help kids make a movie of their own – one they'll be proud to share right now and which they'll treasure in the years to come.

Most families have access to smartphones, tablets, and digital cameras that capture high-quality video, and today's digital editing

tools are both powerful and easy to use. Making a short movie can be a great project for families to work on together. There's a lot to consider when envisioning and creating a movie. These six steps will help you get rolling (spend as much time in each step as you choose):

Decide on your story: First think about a general theme, such as fantasy, dinosaurs, sports, comedy

or mystery. Then write down the answers to these questions: What will happen in your story? What problem must be solved? How will that happen? What will happen at the end of your movie?

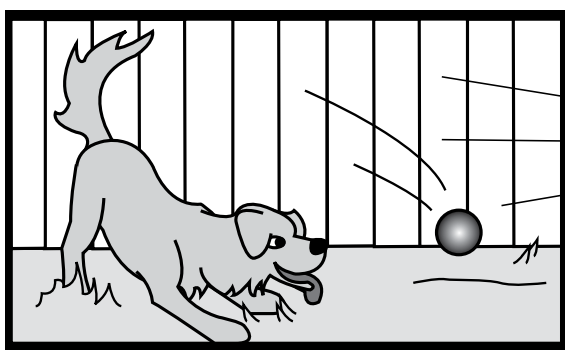
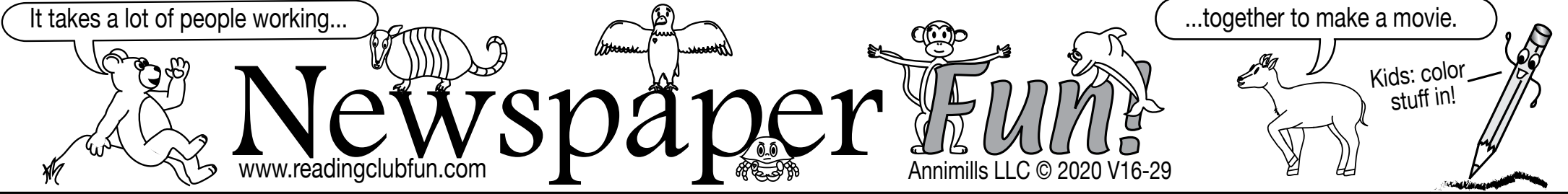
Create your characters – This great fun, especially for those who like to work with their hands and get creative. Kids can:

- Create paper figures and attach arms and legs that move;
- Fashion clay models or paper-mâché figures or toys;
- Play the characters themselves, dressed in costumes or paper masks;
- Cast the movie with plastic toys: farm or jungle animals, dinosaurs or superhero figures (these might have ready-made "sets" if

you have play mats with printed roads, buildings, farms or other scenes).

Write and rehearse a script – Ask yourself: Who is telling the story? How do the characters interact in each scene? How do they express themselves? Write some dialogue for the characters and practice each

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People Making Movies!



Don't you love to see a good movie? My favorite place to see one is at the drive-in. I like the giant screen and people-watching too. **Read my clues to learn about the work of making movies:**

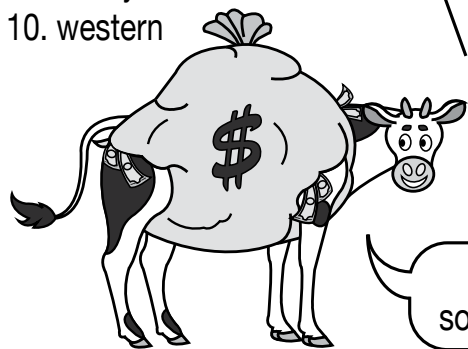
1. used to highlight areas of the scene, and create a mood
2. used to capture sound of actors and effects
3. person who chooses camera lenses and angles for shots
4. all music and sound effects used in a film
5. make-up _____ works on actors' faces
6. _____ designer chooses actors' clothing
7. writes the scripts - dialogue and movements
8. used to film scenes from very high in the air
9. raises funds, hires staff, makes things run smoothly
10. combination of a script and shooting directions
11. production _____ runs all sorts of errands for directors
12. single recorded try at a scene; done on "first _____"
13. metal rigs that hold a camera above the actors

Oh, yeah, I'm a star!

What Kind of Movie?

There are many kinds of movies! Do you like spooky or funny ones? **Match each kind of movie below to what it is or does:**

1. action
 2. drama
 3. comedy
 4. scary
 5. musicals or dance
 6. science fiction
 7. documentary
 8. animated
 9. fantasy
 10. western
- a. meant to spook you
 - b. uses song and movement
 - c. usually set in the future or space
 - d. set in the American frontier, often featuring cowboys
 - e. about something real, often used to teach about a topic
 - f. wizards, dragons and elves, filled with magic and swords
 - g. hand- or computer-drawn characters
 - h. fast paced: fight scenes, explosions and chases
 - i. with lots of jokes to make us laugh!
 - j. serious; strong characters and story



What do you think it means when someone calls a movie a "cash cow?"

Check Out These Movies

These movies are based on good books. You can read the book with your friends or family and then watch the movie. When you are done, talk about the differences between the book and the way the movie was made.

Match each movie to its description:

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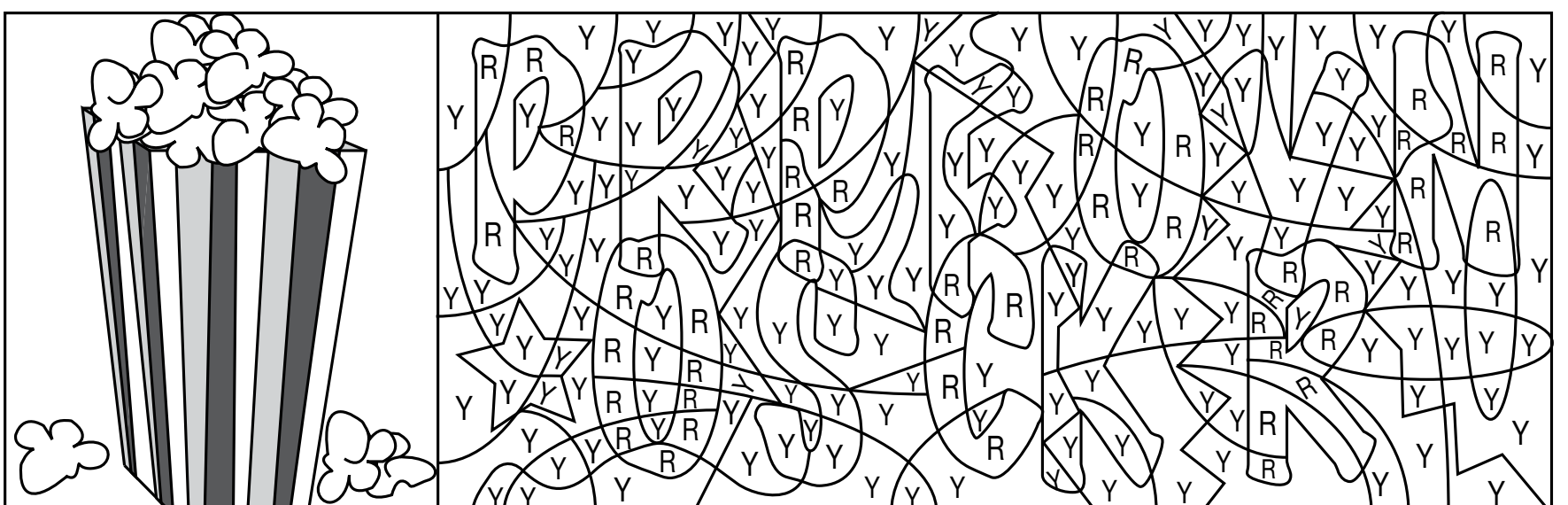
1. *The Little Prince*
2. *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*
3. *Charlotte's Web*
4. *The BFG*
5. *The Jungle Book*
6. *Harry Potter*

- A. A girl named Sophie befriends a gentle giant.
- B. A young boy raised by wolves in the jungle of India is taught by a bear.
- C. An orphaned boy goes to a school for wizards and learns about a world of magic.
- D. A live-action film about farmyard animals and one very special spider.
- E. The son of an Olympian god uses his powers to find Zeus' legendary weapon.
- F. A girl becomes friends with her neighbor, a zany pilot, who tells her a whimsical story.

Movie Treats

When you go to the movies someone sells you a ticket, and then someone asks if you'd like to buy a treat. **Follow the color code to see a favorite movie treat:**

R = Red
Y = Yellow



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City of Willow Park Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Willow Park Board of Adjustment will hold public hearing on the matter listed below:

1. PUBLIC HEARING to consider a request for a variance to Sec.14.07.007 of the Zoning Ordinance for the maximum area for a free standing on-premise sign in the C/IH-20 Overlay District on Lot 1R1, Block A, Crown Bluff Addition, City of Willow Park, Parker County, Texas, located at 4400 East IH-20 Service Road South.
2. PUBLIC HEARING to consider a request for a variance to Sec.14.06.005(b)(10) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a front yard facing garage door in the R-1 Single-Family District on Lot 11, Block K, Laguna Vista Estates, City of Willow Park, Parker County, Texas located at 449 Cook Road.
3. PUBLIC HEARING to consider a request for a variance to Sec.14.09.001 (F) to allow a 6 foot privacy fence in the front yard building setback on Lot 1, Block 48. El Chico Addition, City of Willow Park, Parker County, Texas, located at 100 Mesa Springs Road.

Board of Adjustment Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Any member of the public has the right to appear at the Public Hearing. Please contact the Development Department at 817-441-7108 or bchew@willowpark.org with any questions.

Posted: June 29, 2021

MOVIES

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scene (capturing "bloopers" is the most fun of all).

Consider lighting, music and sound effects - Is it a dark and dreary day? You could pre-record a scream or a growl (or have fun doing this on cue). If children play

instruments, work their music into the story, such as tapping a drum slowly to mimic a heartbeat, or playing a violin ever more rapidly to add excitement.

Shooting and editing the movie - Use digital devices or cameras to capture the video. Edit the shots, and add music and sound effects,

using a free or low-cost video-editing program. Here are a few highly rated editing apps to try out:

- **Apple iMovie** - for their mobile devices and desktop computers - free.
- **Boinx iStopmotion** - for stop-motion style movies; Apple only - modestly priced.
- **Microsoft Windows Movie Maker** - for Windows computers only - free.
- **Openshot** - For Windows, Apple and Linux platforms - free.
- **WonderShare FilmoraGo** - Free for mobile devices; but Windows and Apple desktop versions require purchase.

Screen or Share the movie - How will you show the movie? Perhaps start with a private screening for the junior movie makers? Then, make popcorn and have a

family premiere? Or share it with grandparents, friends, teachers and others via computer or another method? After all, a movie must be shown to an audience to tell its story!

Is your family ready to create its first movie? As you can tell, you are only limited by your imagination! Lights, Camera, Action!

To get you started in making a family movie, we've created simple free tools: storyboard and script templates, movie-making terms and prompts for movie ideas, details on the editing software mentioned above - plus movie-making themed puzzles. For extra summer fun, we still have a free digital comic book by Matt Ryan. Visit <https://www.readingclubfun.com> for these free resources.

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ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES RFP 21-070221

The Aledo Independent School District (the District) is requesting proposals for Special Education Services. Proposal specifications may be printed from the Business Department Purchasing page of the District's website, www.aledoisd.org. Questions regarding proposal specifications should be directed in writing via email to Cindy Poole at cpoole@aledoisd.org. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (CST), Thursday, July 22, 2021, in the District's Business Department, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, TX 76008. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to accept the proposal(s) that provide(s) the best value to the District, and to waive all formalities with respect thereto.

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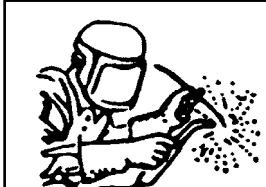


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Diamond Awards

Bearcats, Ladycats honored with post-season recognition

With both softball and baseball camps coming to a close in the last few weeks, the seasons for both are now officially finished. The players have gone to their select teams, the coaches have gone home for the summer, and their reporter is trying to fill the dreaded void that is the offseason. However, we did get one last piece of baseball and softball when the all-district and all-state teams were announced. Here is the list of accolades that the Bearcats and Ladycats received:

Baseball All-State

First team All-State catcher - **Creed Willems**
First team All-State outfield - **Max Belyeu**

District

District 5-5A MVP - **Creed Willems**
Offensive MVP - **Max Belyeu**
First team pitchers - **Carter Shands, Tristan Thurman**
First team third base - **Hunter Rudel**
First team outfield - **Nolan Garcia**
First team designated hitter - **Parker Stegall**

Second team first base - **Bridger Wilson**

Second team second base - **Adrian Guzman**

Second team shortstop - **Sam Sisk**
Second team outfield - **Zach Harrison**
Honorable Mention Utility - **Kevin Taylor**
Honorable Mention Pitcher - **Eliot Flaherty**

Softball All-State

First team All-State pitcher - **Kayleigh Smith**
First team All-State third base - **Madysen Boutwell**

First team All-State shortstop - **Macy Graf**

First team All-State outfield - **Marissa Powell**

District

District 5-5A MVP - **Macy Graf**
Pitcher of the Year - **Kayleigh Smith**
Co-Catcher of the Year - **Morgan Brown**
First team first base - **Texas Ray**
First team third base - **Madysen Boutwell**
First team outfield - **Claire Byars**
Second team pitcher - **Nathalie Touchet**
Second team outfield - **Marissa Powell**
Second team outfield - **Audrey Pearce**
Honorable Mentions - **Reagan Davis, Presley Hull**

FOOTBALL

Dave Campbell's Texas Football picks Bearcats as #1

Issue to hit stands next week

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

This week the calendar turned to July. Every year around this time, people are starved for high school sports. It has been a month since baseball and softball ended and it's another month before two-a-days start for football. Luckily, 61 years ago, one man thought of a way to fill that need.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine hits shelves soon. Luckily the people of Aledo have a sports reporter with some connections. The magazine is a 400-page preview of the upcoming football season for high school, college, and professional football in the state of Texas.

It won't come as a shock to many that the Bearcats are starting the season ranked number one in 5A Division II. Familiar foes Fort Bend

Marshall and Lucas Lovejoy follow at two and three respectively. Aledo is the favorite to win yet another state championship, but it won't be an easy road.

Though returning half of the starters from last year, the Bearcats have to replace a number of key players. It should be a pretty typical year in district play. Like last year, Mansfield Timberview should be the toughest competition for the district but Aledo still remains the clear favorite.

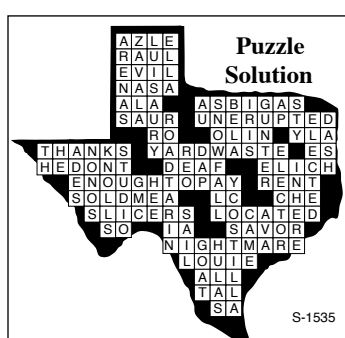
Once in the playoffs, the toughest games should come from Lucas Lovejoy, Ennis, or Dallas South Oak Cliff. If the Bearcats get through them, it appears that Lubbock-Cooper or Wichita Falls Rider will be waiting in the semifinals.

Seniors, tight end Jason Llewellyn and quarterback Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi, will be called upon to lead the offense, while BJ Allen and Boogie Thompson will be the

leading anchors on the defense. Llewellyn and Allen were both named to the preseason All-State team.

On another note, former Bearcats Chris Wright and Demarco Roberts both receive mentions in the college section, as well as three Aledo alumni being on the TCU Horned Frogs depth chart.

The magazine will reach shelves next week and will be available at stores around the state.



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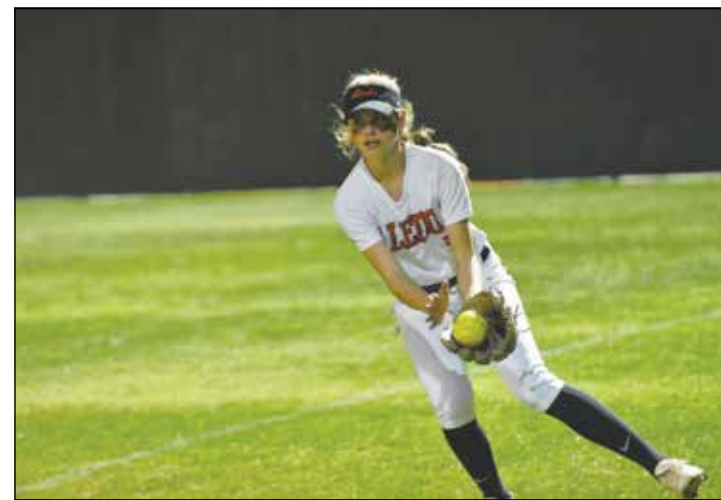
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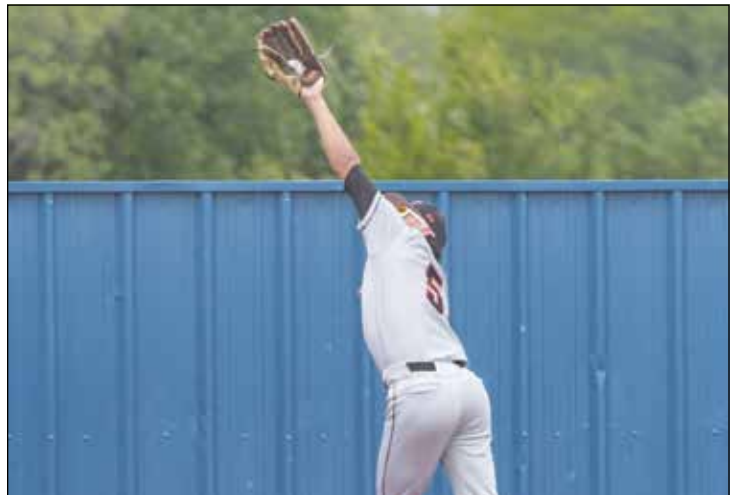
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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Lindley Kessinger won the title of Miss Parker County Peach Queen on June 19. She will be a freshman at the Don Daniel Ninth Grade Campus in Aledo and is the daughter of Kris and Jeannine Kessinger. She will represent the Peach Festival in Weatherford on July 10.

ALEDO Sheriff candidate plans for policing in city

Proposes 24-7 coverage

By Brandi Addison
The Community News

One of Marc Povero's most notable campaign promises as Parker County Sheriff candidate is his goal to create the first municipal police station for Aledo.

Povero — currently the mayor of Hudson Oaks — told Aledo City Council on Thursday that what's currently offered isn't secure enough.

Three deputies from the sheriff's office patrol the city 6,000 hours per year, he said. While it's still daily, the time unaccounted is equivalent to 115 days un-patrolled.

"As the next sheriff, what I want to do is propose the Aledo Police Department," Povero told council.

Povero — who has been in law enforcement for nearly 25 years — said the statistics in Aledo are concerning to him.

Over five years, serious crimes have nearly doubled, he said. The city reported 63 Group A offenses in 2016 and 118 Group A offenses in 2019.

"You do have a reduction in 2020 — I do believe that's an anomaly," Povero said. "What concerns me is 2021. Through the first quarter, there have been 44 (serious crimes). If you carry that through the year, there's also a rise this year."

In addition to the increased crime statistics, he said there's been no significant reduction in emergency response time for Aledo calls. It currently averages above 12 minutes.

"Now these are calls for service that someone would call 9-1-1 for," Povero said. "These are not just reporting a dog in your yard or your neighbor being loud. This is someone breaking into your house, breaking into your car, so this is alarming to me."

"So, my plan for Aledo, if elected Parker County Sheriff, would be to create the first Aledo Police Department," Povero added.

The police department, which would be staffed by patrolled deputies from the Parker County Sheriff's Office, would serve as any traditional municipal department, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The deputies would be restricted to Aledo, unless an officer is in distress or there's an emergency call outside of the city. Additionally, the law enforcement officers would apply to work in the city because they want to — rather than just be assigned the location.

Though the deputies will come from the sheriff's office, they will still wear City of Aledo police uniforms and drive patrol vehicles, owned and marked by the city. Currently, the sheriff's office owns the vehicles that patrol Aledo, and the city helps finance them.

"We're going to create a police department that's unique to Aledo," Povero said.

Povero told *The Community News* that the effort would not include a stand-alone brick-and-mortar police station or dispatch center, but the sheriff's office would solely provide the labor by commissioning its deputies to Aledo full time.

"It's kind of an outside-of-the-box concept," Povero said, adding that other departments in the country are already utilizing the practice.

Edgewood Police Department in Washington currently operates under Pierce County Sheriff's Office, he said.

Two children hospitalized after swallowing 'Water Bead' toy

Cook Children's Medical Center has reported that two children were hospitalized and required surgery after swallowing a popular water bead toy.

"We've had two toddlers come into the ED with the beads lodged in their intestines," emergency department physician Dr. Carey Cribbs said. "Usually the beads pass with no problems, but these two patients required major surgery to remove the beads from their intestines."

The beads are popular in floral arrangements and spas, but with their squishy texture, they are also sold as a sensory toy for children.

"They start as small and squishy, but when you put them in water, they expand up to 100 times their size," Dr. Cribbs explained.

"They're very colorful and attractive, and the texture is something you might

want to put in your mouth," Dr. Cribbs explained. "It reminds me a lot of Boba."

The beads aren't toxic, so if swallowed, they aren't poisonous. However, not all children are lucky enough for the beads to pass through their systems.

Dr. Cribbs says to remember, the smaller the child, the larger the bead, the more likely the bead is to get stuck in the child.

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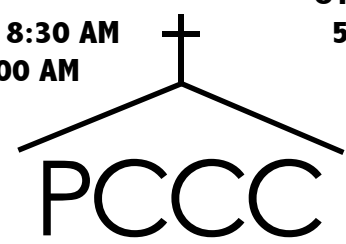


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